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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: TERRORISM: ROME AIRPORT ATTACK AND ITALIAN-HELD
TERRORISTS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER
DECEMBER 20, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ORTONA ASKED WHAT MESSAGE
WE HAD CONVEYED TO KUWAITI GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO ARAB
HIJACKERS. STABLER REPLIED THAT WE ARE URGING THE KUWAITI
GOVERNMENT IN EMPHATIC TERMS TO EITHER BRING THE TERRORISTS
TO TRIAL IN KUWAIT OR AGREE TO THEIR EXTRADITION TO AN
APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION. IN VIEW OF LOCATION OF THE
ATTACK AND SUBSEQUENT HIJACKING, THE U.S. ITSELF WAS NOT
REPEAT NOT IN POSITION TO REQUEST EXTRADITION. STABLER
THEN OBSERVED THAT WE HAVE HEARD THAT THERE ARE ONGOING
DISCUSSIONS IN ROME ON POSSIBLE EXTRADITION OF THE TERROR-
ISTS BY THE GOI.

2. TURNING TO SUBJECT OF THREE ARAB TERRORISTS HELD BY
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ITALIANS, STABLER NOTED REPORTS THAT THE ITALIAN COURT ON

DECEMBER 17 REFUSED A REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL LIBERTY AND
ADJOURNED THE CASE UNTIL DECEMBER 28. STABLER SAID HE WAS
AWARE OF JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND
COURTS, BUT REAFFIRMED OUR CONCERN THAT PROVISIONAL LIBERTY
NOT BE GRANTED, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE BRUTAL EVENTS
OF DECEMBER 17. RUSH

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